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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed June 19, 2002, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 17, please amend the following paragraph(s) or section(s) starting on line 8 and ending on line 14:

The first mode of failure is illustrated in FIGS. 10A and 10B, and occurs when the bending of the canvas puts the first major surface of the segment in tension and initiates a crack in the first major surface. In FIG. 10A, the substrate 200 and segment 202 are flat. In Fig. 10B, substrate 200 has been bent, and cracks 204 in segment 202 are formed. Such cracking can occur after many flexes or as a brittle failure on a single flex. Proper choice of material flexibility for the intended use environment can avoid this failure mode.

A version marked up to show changes made to the specification relative to the previous version of the specification is attached.